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BHS champs, Santa Claus in Saturday's parade

The Winter Fest parade usually brings Santa Claus to town on a local fire truck, but this year the parade will also bring members of the Belleville High School football team, which won Division 1 State Championship on Saturday, Dec. 4.

Mike Kole, CEO of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, on Monday provided the following entries in this Saturday's 5 p.m. parade and said they may not be in this exact order:

- Grand Marshals Kelly McWilliams and Randy Brown;
- Belleville Fire Department;
- Belleville High School Student Council;
- Van Buren Township Honor Guard;
- Sumpter Township Fire Department;
- Cub Scout Pack 249;
- Belleville Central Business Community;
- Snider Electric;
- Rosie the Riveter Drill Team;
- Belleville 7th Day Adventist Church;
- Belleville Area District Library;
- Congresswoman Debbie Dingell;
- P&P Dance Centre;
- Van Buren Township Board of Trustees;
- Wayne County Fairgrounds;
- Belleville 2021 State Champion Football Team;
- Belleville High School Marching Band;
- Coldwell Banker Professionals;
- American Heritage Girls Troop 0413;
- Troop/Venture Crew 231;
- Wayne County Community College;
- Belleville Yacht Club; and
- Van Buren Township Fire Department with Santa Claus.



BHS Tigers win first-ever state title

By Bob Mytych
Belleville-Area Independent

Expect to see the Belleville Tiger football team members walking in this Saturday's Winterfest parade alongside one of the largest high school marching bands in the state.

While the band's shiny instruments shimmer in the evening twilight, the Tigers and head coach Jermain Crowell will be carrying the Division 1 State Championship trophy that will outshine any tuba, saxophone, or trumpet.

After four trips to the semi-finals, the Tigers set their GPS for Downtown Detroit and claimed the Michigan High School Athletic Association's ultimate prize last Saturday afternoon, in convincing fashion, a 55-33 victory over Rochester Adams at Ford Field.

The Tigers went up against the unbeaten Highlanders but came to play and unleashed its potent offense like they've done so often to nearly all of their opponents during the regular season. This time it was all business.

Despite trailing 14-7 after the opening quarter, Belleville added 14 points in both the second and third quarters and pulled away with 20 more points in the fourth to seal the crown. The Tigers finished the year at 13-1. Belleville freshman quarterback Bryce Underwood threw five touchdown passes, three of them to Jeremiah Caldwell, to cap off a 12-for-21 passing performance, good for 284 yards on the day. Underwood also led the rushers with crafty option plays and quarterback keepers, gathering 62 yards.

Sumpter Township Administrator Michelle Cole resigns

Michelle Cole has resigned from her full-time position as township administrator for Sumpter Township on Nov. 22 with a

week's notice being presented to the board.

The resignation took effect on Monday, Nov. 29. A week's notice is what is stated

in Cole's contract.

In her resignation letter Cole said she would be happy to assist the board as a part-time contractor "until the board and myself agree otherwise."

Her resignation was not mentioned publicly at the Nov. 23 board meeting but on Nov. 29 a special virtual board meeting was called for Nov. 30 with Cole's employment status on the agenda plus

considering "subsequent actions to address the potential vacancy." [We will report on that meeting in next week's paper.]

Cole was named township administrator on Aug. 1 at the same \$94,000 wage she was being paid as finance director/deputy supervisor. She was hired as township finance director on Aug. 1, 2019 at a starting salary of \$65,000.

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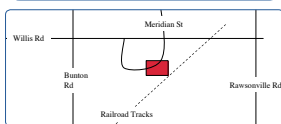
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VBT Planners consider new version of Sumpter Road Corridor Plan

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Close to two hours was spent by the Van Buren Township Planning Commission on Nov. 10 considering by zoom a new version of the Sumpter Road Corridor Plan, the only item on the agenda.

It was presented by McKenna Associates consultant Adam Cook and VBT Director of Planning and Economic Development Dan Power after working with a planning commission subcommittee and input by officials of the City of Belleville and Sumpter Township.

Part of the previous plan called for small businesses along both sides of Sumpter Road south of Hull Road to Bemis Road. This was considered at an open-air public hearing at the township firehall at the corner of Hull and Sumpter roads in late July and there were lots of negative comments.

At its Sept. 8 meeting, planners went over the public input and established a subcommittee made up of Medina Atchinson, Callie Barr, and Jeff Jahr to guide them. There also was input from Belleville City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson and Sumpter Township Administrator Michelle Cole.

Director Power said the new plan refined some ideas for a future land-use amendment, adding mixed-use districts, different lots, and a menu of buildings that fit in with the neighboring area.

Cook went over the proposals in great detail with Power flashing text and maps on

the shared screen to illustrate the changes.

The new plan calls for large subdivisions with one-acre gross-density lots, paths, greenways, and parks on either side of the Sumpter/Hull intersection, with a market on the southeast corner and agricultural areas continuing south of that until another commercial area at Bemis.

Cook said the Hamlet idea is his favorite and mirrors Chaney subdivision and could have a community septic system.

A market on the corner has been a dream for residents in that area for many years since Kroger considered developing there and then changed its mind. Residents in that area said they don't like having to drive north through the City of Belleville and over the bridge to get groceries. Many say they choose to drive south instead to stores in Monroe County.

The Sumpter Road plan also includes different versions of mixed use and commercial at both sides of the corner of Bemis and Sumpter roads.

The plan also includes changes north of Hull Road behind the current buildings along Sumpter, north to the City of Belleville. A proposal on the west side of Sumpter that extends Roulo Avenue and/or Bak Road north to the railroad tracks would allow light development on that open property.

Cook showed a vision statement for the changes that the future use should be generally what it is now preserving the rural feel and open space.

He outlined in detail nine different building types that could be used in the back area of the lots if Roulo and Bak were extended. They included retail, liner and mixed-use buildings, artisan studios, barn buildings, kiln houses, maker-space buildings, and accessory dwelling units.

Two new kinds of lots described were anchor lots and shallow-frontage lots.

Power said this is the plan the commission would like to see developed if the property owners want to do so. He said the township can't keep them from developing under the current zoning, but it is a hope for the development.

He suggested slip streets behind shallow-frontage lots along the east side of Sumpter between Hull and the city.

Power said the township will develop an overlay district and that will be presented to the commission when they bring the completed proposal to them.

Belleville City Manager/Police Chief Robinson raised his virtual hand to speak via zoom.

He said mixing residential, agriculture and commercial in this zoning could be encouraging doing certain things with marijuana. He said with solid business storefronts going in there people could build a residence there with four to five artisan buildings and medical marijuana caregivers could raise 12 plants for every patient times five patients.

Robinson said every single residence can have that and to have that in the middle of

the district is a problem. Those artisan-size buildings could be used. He recommended the township get legal advice. He said he brought that up in the meeting, but wanted to say it again, "to nip it in the bud, no pun intended."

Power said Van Buren Township has a solid ordinance and individuals are limited to growing in residential zoning districts only. He said they will make sure to address the loopholes.

He said that Robinson also had brought up the separation of barns at the back streets, to make sure splitting the property doesn't make barns stand alone.

Power said they intend to bring the full draft of the zoning plan and overlay district to the commission at an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Atchinson asked if they will have community engagement again. She said it is very evident that there was a lot of misunderstanding and a lot of people at the open house had bad information.

"Maybe they won't like the Hamlet style," she said. "Bad information will die and the truth of what we're doing will come to the surface."

Power said they will do a press release or put it on the township website now that they have a more solid land-use recommendation. He said state law calls for another public hearing.

"It's a good time to get rid of the negativity on what we're doing," said Commissioner Bryon Kelley who was chairing the meeting.

District Library sets dates for donor party, grand opening in spring

By Rosemary K. Oztman

A gala donor party for about 100 people to thank those who contributed extra funds to the Belleville Area District Library construction has been set for 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 11.

At the Nov. 9 meeting of the library board, Alma Hughes-Grubbs said the marketing committee met Oct. 27 and came up with more details in their plans for the donor event and the grand opening which will follow on Saturday, April 9.

The donor event will use the first floor of the library, with food in the large meeting room. There are about 50 donors involved and attendance will be by invitation only. The invitations are being designed by Art Committee chairwoman Michele Montour and they will be "something sparkly," Hughes-Grubbs said. There will be RSVP cards with numbers.

Board chairwoman Sharon Peters said the special event is a thank you. She reminded the board that the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees made individual donations to total \$1,000 and they should

be invited.

Hughes-Grubbs said they are seeking a temporary liquor license from the state for the party. She said they are still trying to decide on entertainment and will have swag bags or some mementos.

Later in the meeting, treasurer Tanya Stoudemire said she would like to see a professional photographer and a red carpet to add to the fun.

The grand opening is set from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, during National Library Week. The event is open to the public and they anticipate at least 500 people.

Montour will design the invitations and flyers for this event.

There will be live entertainment and they are planning a variety of performers, including the Belleville High School Jazz Band. Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said they will research the middle schools.

Suchy said they have many photos and videos of the library construction that they plan to show and they will choose a caterer and perhaps have a treasure hunt.

The board discussed inviting the head of the Library of Congress but noted that she might be busy during National Library Week.

"It'd be great to get her for the opening, or to get her anytime," Peters said. They made plans to write to her.

The next meeting of the marketing committee was set tentatively for 3 p.m., Dec. 1.

In other business at the Nov. 9 meeting, the board:

- Heard Montour, the chairwoman of the library Art Committee, say that board members John Juriga had bought and loaned a painting to the old library and he wants to loan it to the new library. It is a painting of the old water tower in Belleville by Neil Griffin. She said it is recommended to go on the wall just outside the board meeting room near the painting of Fred C. Fischer and next to the History Room. The board approved the recommendation;
- Heard Montour say the Art Committee considered placement of a Belleville Bass sculpture offered by the Belleville Area

Council for the Arts. She said the bases for the Bass were taking a while. The committee thought the children's garden would be a great place, but, she said, a Bass sculpture was placed in front of the library on Nov. 6. "It's not a bad thing," she said of the placement, noting eventually it will get moved to the garden." Suchy suggested moving it around, "like the elf on the shelf." Peters noted it is 700 pounds. Montour said she will contact Ken Voigt at BACA;

- Learned the library is hoping to display the winners of the Art Show to be held Nov. 12-14 at the BYC. There are 15 pieces and they are to be displayed, if they haven't been sold and taken away;

- Heard Building Committee chairwoman Joy Cichewicz report the HVAC work on the enhanced air filtration system, including bipolar ionization, is expected to be done by Thanksgiving. She said there may be sediment in the water lines because sediment was seen in the dishwasher filter. The extra track lighting will be put up in

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Bragging rights: BHS is champion in Division 1 football

Belleville High School is tops in the state in Division 1 football and the community couldn't be prouder of the team's accomplishment.

The football team is expected to be part of Saturday's lighted Winter Fest parade through downtown Belleville, along with the BHS Marching Band and cheerleaders who supported the team at all their games. The band had new uniforms that were worn with pride.

There were many parents and students and local elected officials at Ford Field in Detroit to cheer the team on to victory. It was an excited crowd with lots of smiles, with just a mask or two in place.

After the fans and team got back to the Belleville area Saturday evening, the predicted snowstorm began and emergency dispatchers started reporting spinouts and rollovers and people crawling out of ditches. Hope everyone from the game was done celebrating and safe at home.

After all the stresses with COVID and vaccinations and masks and school classes that are virtual and then in-person, it was wonderful for the community to have a big win, with big bragging rights that will last through time.

All the students will remember the year that the football team was state champ and their connection to the win. We hope the night parade will be lighted well enough so we can see the football team properly.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Deb Green of the Belleville Rotary Club said she knows I have meetings on Tuesdays, but she pointed to my calendar on the door to my office which showed no meetings at all during the fifth week of November. I agreed to come talk to the Rotary Club on the fifth Tuesday of November.

Guess what? On Monday, Sumpter Township set a special meeting for the fifth Tuesday of November to discuss the resignation of its township administrator as of Nov. 29 – and what to do about it. Some have suggested that longtime deputy administrator Karen Armatis be brought back to do that job.

I couldn't drop my Rotary date and I did want to give the members an update on their community newspaper, so I'll find out what happened in Sumpter and let you know next week.

City of Belleville residents got an alert via Nixel at 2:51 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, about a water line break in the area of Greylock Street which might cause water pressure problems. The city planned to get the water line repaired by 4:30 p.m. the same day and asked people who were having water pressure problems to flush their faucets and water lines for 15 minutes before using the water. No boil water advisory was necessary.

Belleville sent out Nixel alerts to warn residents about the coming snow on Saturday, declaring a snow emergency and for them to get their cars off the streets so plowing can be done. The policy has been four inches of snow that sets off street snow plowing in the city. Then, on Monday there was another Nixel alert about snow coming



and slippery roads.

We're impressed with how much Belleville PD is using its Nixel to alert residents to different things. We think that's how Nixel was meant to be used to keep in contact with the community.

The snow on Saturday was so pretty, but a lot of drivers had property damage accidents on Saturday night, especially in Van Buren Township. See the dispatch log at the back of today's paper to see what we mean.

Dan Martin, the *Independent's* former advertising manager, said he drove up from Florida and after he got to Michigan on Saturday, the snow started. He said it made everything look so pretty. You don't get much snow in Florida.

On Monday, on the way into work, we went past Savage Elementary School and the south side of the new teacher parking area looked like a skating rink. Something must have gone askew with the drainage for that newly redone parking area. After the snow Monday night, the parking area again turned into a skating pond which we observed on Tuesday morning.

We've been advised that people who live in the City of Belleville who have decorated their homes with holiday lights should turn them on between 6 and 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 13. That's when the judges from city council will be out and around determining

the winners of this year's lighting contest.

On Monday, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 gave out its local awards in its Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy essay contests. One of the winners, Emma Lucas, was Jack Smallman's granddaughter. Emma's mother Brenda Lucas said her father was very fond of the *Independent*.

I told her I remember Jack fondly and in his later years I would make a special delivery of his *Independent* each week right to his door. Jack was one of those fearless letter writers that we attract in Sumpter.

A total of 16 local middle school and high school students entered the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy contests put on by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434. The VFW said that was a nice increase from last year's entries.

Although the dispatch log identifies the call as a "robbery" at 4:36 p.m. Nov. 23 at the carpet store in Belle Square on Belleville Road, VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazy said two guys came in who wanted to fight, the business owner buzzed for police and the two ran off.



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Letters

Santa says 'nasty bug' won't keep him away

To the editor:

Ho, Ho, Ho. Just wanted you to know in a few days I will be coming to your town to visit the good boys and girls and even the good parents of your small town. I know many of you have been worried about my family and all the elves and if I will be coming on Christmas. The answer is YES, YES. I know that some adults keep telling you that I won't be coming due to this nasty bug that has covered the land.

Well, up here in the North Pole all the elves and their families have gotten their shots. Even Mrs. Claus and I have our boosters, so you don't have to worry. If you are worried, just leave a note on the front door and we won't come in without our masks.

At the North Pole we take your safety and happiness very seriously so all the toys we make this year will be boxed when possible and when not we will clean them before you get them. Now remember, you naughty boys and girls, we still give out reindeer (bloop) but we won't be putting it in the stockings you leave on the floor next to your bed. It will be in a sealed plastic bag so you can use it for fertilizer in the spring garden.

Rudolf is waiting to pick up your letters, but we do email, too. Sometimes it's faster than Rudolf mail. Well, got to go. Toys are building up at the toy shops. Just remember you need to be in bed before 12:00 a.m.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa

Your Friend Santa Claus

Community Art Show a great success

To the editor:

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA) would like to thank all who participated in this year's annual Community Art Show. It was a great success and showcased the wonderful talent that we have in our area.

A variety of paintings, photography, and sculptures as well as many art contributions by our youth filled the room at the BYC. Thank you to all who helped and contributed to make this our 12th year a success.

BACA would like to thank the *Independent* for its wonderful coverage and continued support for this event.

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts Board

Letter to Sen. Stabenow on Social Security

The following was sent to U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow on Nov. 21:

Honorable Senator Stabenow,

After reviewing the adjusted yearly Social Security Allotment for 2022, including a 5.9% cost of living increase (?), I would like to inquire as to the manner in which this allotment figure was determined; what federal board or government committee is responsible for managing the formula for these expenditures?

Regarding the 5.9% allotment increase, normally that would be considered a welcomed relief for many seniors, however, it fails to meet the needs of those recipients on fixed incomes because the Social Security Administration once again hiked the *Medicare Part B monthly premium by 14.5% (\$21.60 a month) or an average of 23% of the "cost of living" increase. So, in summary, the year 2022 actual COLA increase will be just 4.5% and not 5.9% as calculated. This increase doesn't keep up with the true cost of living and in fact contributes to further inflation.

Elderly recipients are faced with trying to survive on Social Security Benefits even as the Medicare Part B and Supplemental Insurance premiums continually increase along with required co-pays for medical drug coverage, doctor office visits, hospital procedures and unexpected medical expenses that may eventually exhaust many retirees' income and lifelong savings.

When will Congress stop wasting trillions of dollars on senseless military conflicts, kick-backs from fraudulent and corrupt military equipment providers, and other wasteful pork barrel contracts? It's time to address the needs of the elderly among us! The independent voters will determine whether or not democracy survives – not the Democrat or Republican parties.

Congress is aware of the "numbers game" being manipulated yearly for Social Security participants. I must point out this is an insurance fund that we paid for through payroll deductions during our employment years, only to be "taxed" once again whenever these premiums are increased in retirement. The world's premier socialists are Washington politicians, their staffs, and government employees. Please fix this before another dime is spent on salaries for traitors in your midst. Social Security is not an entitlement, it's a promise and a contract!

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ARNOLD GEORGE SMITH
 (January 18, 1937 – November 18, 2021)
 Arnold George Smith, age 84, of Evart, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away of COVID-19, on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI, after a long battle with Alzheimer's, surrounded by his family, singing hymns. He was born January 18, 1937, in Livonia, MI, one of ten children of Martin E. & Mae A. (Watson) Smith. He graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1955. Arnold was the Produce Manager for A&P in Belleville and later Farmer Jack. He retired after 42 years of loyal service. He enjoyed hunting, vegetable gardening, and canning his veggies. He was a very active member of First Baptist Church of Evart, MI, where he considered everyone his family. Nothing made him happier than preaching and teaching Sunday School.

Mr. Smith is survived by three children: Angela (Terry) Ausmus of Belleville, MI, Mark (Regina) Smith of Adrian, MI, and Sara Smith of Dundee, MI; three grandchildren: Jennifer (Andrew) Miller of Garden City, MI, Alysha Peters of Toledo, Ohio, and Joshua (Kaitlyn) Smith of Marlette, MI; three great-grandchildren: Danica Peters, Alexander Miller, and Benjamin Miller; sister Cheryl McGowan of Grand Rapids, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Doris Ruth Smith, and eight siblings.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., with a 1 p.m. Funeral Service on Friday, December 3, 2021 at South Side Baptist Tabernacle Church, 6710 Textile Road, Ypsilanti, MI. Pastor Ryan Beilfuss will officiate. Interment will follow, next to his daughter, in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MI. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Arnold's home church, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 397, Evart, MI 49631, or the Alzheimer's Association, and would be appreciated by the family.
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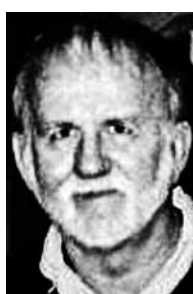
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Robert John "Bob" Reinhard

ROBERT JOHN 'BOB' REINHARD
 (August 5, 1943 – November 24, 2021)
 Robert John "Bob" Reinhard, age 78, a lifelong Sumpter Township resident, passed away early Wednesday, November 24, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born August 5, 1943, at Grace Hospital in Detroit, MI. His Father was Jack Francis Reinhard and Mother Evelyn Grace (Clark) Reinhard.

Bob started working on a farm at the age of 14. Growing up he enjoyed working on cars and building things. He became an automobile master mechanic and worked at several Dealerships and Auto shops. Then he worked at Environ Inc. (Ford Motor Co.) in Romulus, MI for 22 years until the plant closed, so he retired. After retirement, he continued his career at Roush Racing working on Viper Competition Coupes race cars.

At a young age, Bob loved playing baseball, then as an adult he coached many youth baseball teams. Billiards was his favorite pastime. Like his father he enjoyed traveling around in his motor home. He also enjoyed golf, Nascar, genealogy, fishing, and gardening.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Dianna Lynn (Hall) Reinhard; three children: Eric Reinhard of Florida, Robert (Ghia) Reinhard II of Saline, MI, Mary Reinhard of Belleville, MI; three grandchildren: Dillon Reinhard, Quentin Reinhard and Desmond Reinhard; two sisters: Frances Ashley of Novi, MI, and Sandra (Dean) Selle of Arizona; also, numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother Charles Reinhard.

Visitation was 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday and 1-8 p.m. Wednesday with a 1 p.m. Funeral on Thursday, December 2, 2021, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111, (734) 697-4500. Interment will follow in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.
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COVID-19 deaths in 48111 stay at 79, positive tests at 5,070

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code stayed at 79 as of Monday, Nov. 29, according to the Wayne County Health Department.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 5,070 on Monday, Nov. 29, up from 4,866 on Sunday, Nov. 21.

On Monday, Nov. 29, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 3,418 positive cases, 43 deaths; City of Belleville, 618 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 1,034 positive cases, 15 deaths.

The Van Buren Public School District reports as of Monday, Nov. 29, there was a total of 185 positive cases in the district since the beginning of school on Aug. 30.

Obituaries



Daniel Wesley Johnson

DANIEL WESLEY JOHNSON

(July 23, 1957 – November 22, 2021)

Daniel Wesley Johnson, age 64, of New Boston, MI, passed away Monday, November 22, 2021, at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne, MI. He was born July 23, 1957, in Ypsilanti, MI, son of James Earl and Anna Mae (Norfray) Johnson. Dan enjoyed building motorcycles with his brother, fishing, NASCAR, and collecting eagles.

He is survived by his loving companion of 14 years, Mary C. Brewer of New Boston, MI; three cats Scooter, Chloe, and Gizzy; brother Robert (Ronita) Johnson, Sr. of Belleville, MI; sister Charlene Johnson of Belleville, MI; nephew Robert Johnson, Jr.; niece Regina (Brian) Johnson-Meadows; great-nephew Justyn Johnson; great-niece Cheyenne Johnson; great nephew Robert Johnson III; also many extended family members and numerous friends. Dan was preceded in death by his parents Jim and Anna Johnson.

To honor his wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations to the funeral home to help defray expenses, or to any animal shelter, would be appreciated.

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Maureen Lynn Smith

MAUREEN LYNN SMITH

(May 24, 1950 – November 23, 2021)

Maureen Lynn Smith, age 71, of Belleville, MI, passed away Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at her home. She was born May 24, 1950, in West Newton, Pennsylvania, daughter of George (Dorothy) Smith. Maureen was a graduate of Belleville High School, and after raising her children eventually returned to Belleville for another 20 years. She worked in Administrative for the Health Department of Washtenaw County until retiring. Maureen could often be found working in her vegetable gardens and tending her flowers. She also enjoyed traveling in her earlier years and she was great with keeping up and staying in touch with friends. Maureen loved spoiling her dog Webster, but most of all, she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Maureen is survived by her son Marc (Christina) Pulk of New Baltimore, MI; her 4 grandchildren: Shelby Pulk of Inkster, MI, Tyler, Grace, and Marielle Pulk of New Baltimore, MI; as well as her sister Georgeen (Fred) Kirk of Westland, MI, and brother Jeffrey (Diane) Smith of Wixom, MI. She was preceded in death by her parents, as well as her eldest son, Michael Pulk, on February 20, 2020.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, December 4, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a 3 p.m. service at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500.

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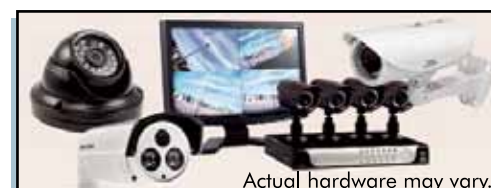
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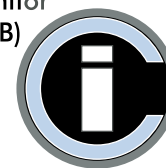
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John Zaroff, at left, and Len Szweda of the St. Anthony Catholic Church Men's Club presented a check to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 Commander John Blackstone on Nov. 29. The check for \$3,476 was from the men's club along with the generous parishioners at the church who donated to help homeless veterans. Three years ago, the men's club started a breakfast to earn money for homeless vets and made \$700, which they donated to the VFW. Last year, there was no breakfast because of COVID, but they asked parishioners for help and were able to donate \$2,000 to the VFW. They wanted to get this year's donation to the VFW before Christmas so they could use it for veterans. Commander Blackstone gave a list of services they offer, including tending to veteran emergencies in the Belleville area, going to the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor and providing five motorized wheelchairs for veterans.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, Dec. 2** – Winter Fest: Ladies Night Out, 6-9 p.m., Pop-Up Shops on Main in Activities Tent on Fourth Street Square
- **Friday, Dec. 3** – Winter Fest Holiday Party, 6-11 p.m., in Activities Tent on Main Street, with entertainment
- **Saturday, Dec. 4** – Winter Fest activities include ice skating, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Snow Maze, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Animal Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Kids Crafts, 2-4 p.m.; Jingle Bell Run, 4-5 p.m.; lighted parade, 5-7 p.m.; fireworks, 7:15 p.m.; and live entertainment, 8-11 p.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 4** – Enjoy the sounds of the season at a Hymn Fest Sing-along at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., New Boston. Fellowship to follow.
- **Sunday, Dec. 5** – Boy Scout Troop #793 Holiday Wreath Sale, Fourth Street Square, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 5** – Winter Fest activities include ice skating, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Fourth Street Place, Snow Maze, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Holiday Market on Main, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Breakfast with Santa, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Skating with Santa, 2-4 p.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 5** – Bugles Across America,

7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street in Horizon Park in Belleville. Brief ceremony to honor military personnel alive and dead includes "Star Spangled Banner" and "Taps."

- **Monday, Dec. 6** – Angel of Hope outdoor ceremony at 7 p.m. to remember the death of a child. The Angel of Hope statue is at Belleville's Hillside Cemetery. If you would like your child's name included in the program and spoken aloud, call Patricia Monroe by Dec. 1 at the Brown Family Center, (734) 697-5090.

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the children's room and the last of the signs to be done are getting proofed. She said radiant heating in the floor in the entry and children's room tested well. Cichewicz also reported 20 pounds of honey have been harvested from the bees on the roof. The Bees from the D came and took the combs the day before Harvest Fest;

- Heard Juriga say he criticized the look of the lawn because of the weeds and the clover when they paid for grass. He said the bee people shot him down, saying clover is good for the bees. Suchy said it seems to be a situation of a glass half full or a glass half empty;

- Head Juriga say it's too cold to seal the fissure in the bollard now, but it will be done;

- Heard treasurer Stoudemire go over in detail the report on the first three months of the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 and another report on the 12 months ending June 30, both showing the finances in good

standing. Juriga asked how the library's employees stand in their pay and Suchy said in a study of the area, the employees are 5% lower. Cichewicz said their full-time health benefits are very good. Juriga said the employees have been very loyal and Peters suggested that be discussed at a Personnel Committee meeting;

- Heard Personnel Committee chairwoman Linda Priest say it's time to send out questionnaires to board members for the annual evaluation of Director Suchy. They will be sent out and then the committee will meet to review the responses. Suchy

Sumpter Twp.

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Cole's resume shows 20 years of progressive municipal finance experience, starting with Plante Moran and moving on to division finance officer for the Genesee County Water Authority in Flint, 2009-2012; workforce management consultant for KRONOS; regional territory manager for New World Systems, Troy; chief financial officer for Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, 2016-17; and consultant from 2012 to 2019.

She began working at Sumpter Township for four days a week starting Aug. 12, 2019.

After Tim Bowman was elected supervisor in November 2020, he hired outgoing township treasurer Ken Bednark as deputy supervisor. Then Bednark resigned and Bowman named finance director Cole to also work as his deputy supervisor. She became township administrator on Aug. 1, 2021.

Cole was still doing the job of finance director while she waited for the township to hire someone to do that job.

said she also want to look at personnel policies and salaries. A meeting is planned for 6 p.m., Dec. 7; and

- Heard Suchy report that about 25 staff members of the Westland Library arrived in a limo to visit the Belleville library recently. Westland is embarking on a 10,000-square-foot expansion and are looking at other libraries that have recently undergone construction. She said Pioneer Landscaping has agreed to take the library under its wing by weeding the flower beds and bioswale. Pioneer will also apply weed and feed to the library's grass areas. Suchy reported interior and exterior window washing has been contracted out and has begun. Suchy said the library is grateful to the Belleville Rotary who shared candy with the library when the library ran out during trick or treat on Main Street.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Dec. 6 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Dec. 7 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m.

- Wednesday, Dec. 8 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday, Dec. 9 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

- Monday, Dec. 13 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.

- Tuesday, Dec. 14 – Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

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Winter Fest weekend is here and I wouldn't know where to begin to list events, locations, and times. I do know

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as our city should be visible from space this weekend. I know, I'll ask our production manager James Otzman, our authority on everything space around here, to email the International Space Station and be sure to tag that to Santa, as well.

Your holiday makeover can start with a trip to Denny's Barber Shop and Hott Hair Salon on Main Street, with coupon offers including a hot shave and haircut for \$19.95, cut and color for \$69.99, and a package of services just for her, including eyelashes, a manicure and updo for \$129.99. Walk-ins and appointments are available and gift certificates, too. See their ad in today's paper and call (734) 697-4485.

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Birthdays

Nov. 28 – Lula Smith (100)

Dec. 3 – Simona Miller, Pam Johnson

Dec. 4 – Amber Brendtke, Jeff Goff

Dec. 5 – Justin Juriga

Dec. 6 – Tara Hjeltness

Dec. 7 – Cheryl Parent

Dec. 8 – Tom Smith, Mary Kowal

Dec. 9 – Kathleen Springer, Bob McKenna, Drusilla Allen

Do you have a birthday soon? Does someone you know have a birthday? Let us know and we will print the name as soon as possible. For more information, call (734) 699-9020.

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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

The Belleville City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 7:30 P.M.

The purpose of the public hearing is for public input pertaining to Ordinance No. 1000, An Ordinance to amend the Belleville City Codified Ordinances by adding chapter 1000, regarding post-construction stormwater management, establishing minimum stormwater management requirements and controls to protect and safeguard the general health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Belleville and the watersheds to which it drains and to comply with the City's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and other applicable federal and State regulations.

The Public Hearing will take place at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

Briana Hootman
City Clerk

Publish: December 2, 2021

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) To correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
- 2) Homestead exemption status; and
- 3) Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to December 14, 2021.

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Post: November 18, 2021

Publish: December 02, 2021
December 09, 2021

City of Belleville Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON Wednesday, December 8th, 2021 at 10 am, at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle(s) will be held:

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DATE: November 29, 2021

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 222 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Nov. 21:
0009 – domestic, Ecorse Rd.
0032 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren St.
0223 – suspicious person/vehicle, Arthur St.
0330 – neighbor trouble, W. Archwood Dr.
0418 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

0754 – unattended death, Dorchester Dr.
0836 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0840 – threat, Beck Rd.
0903 – trespassing, Parkwood Dr.
1307 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
1418 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1449 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1714 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
1734 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1757 – follow up by officer, Lighthouse Dr.
1908 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd.
2007 – disorderly, Bradley Dr.
2234 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

2244 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sandlewood Dr.
Monday, Nov. 22:
0104 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville
0208 – assist other dept., Lighthouse Dr.
0235 – larceny from auto, Brandi Dr.
0326 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0334 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
0358 – suspicious person/vehicle, Monterey Dr.
0910 – welfare check, Rolan Meadows Dr.
0911 – welfare check, S. Bellridge Dr.
1011 – private property/property damage accident, Denton Rd.

1023 – assist citizen, Martinsville Rd.
1052 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1100 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1251 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1310 – malicious destruction of property, S. Ponderosa Trl.

1333 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Beckley
1412 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1413 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
1445 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
1527 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wildflower Ct.
1708 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1852 – traffic offense, Lohr Rd.
2142 – retail frau, Belleville Rd.
2207 – 911 welfare check, S. Bellridge Dr.
2320 – mental subject, S. Bellridge Dr.
2330 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2356 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service

Tuesday, Nov. 23:
0108 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0324 – property check, Southport Apartments
0353 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville
0354 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville
0658 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.
0812 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
0845 – hospice death, Louisa Dr.
0946 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.
0955 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1104 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1115 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1200 – family trouble, Lighthouse Dr.
1304 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Meadows Ln.

1353 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1416 – private property/property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1522 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1523 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, DNR Boat Launch, Rawsonville Rd.
1636 – robbery, Belleville Rd.
1659 – malicious destruction of property, Ecorse
1843 – motorist assist, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2045 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Van Born Rd.

2101 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
2117 -- road hazard, Ecorse I-275 S. ramp/S. I-275

Wednesday, Nov. 24:
0119 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
0222 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville

0302 – disorderly, Oak Ln.
0339 – PPO violation, N. Bellridge Dr.
0542 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.
0709 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Lake Point Blvd.
0836 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Haggerty Rd.
1103 – PPO violation, N. Bellridge Dr.

1134 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1209 – abandoned auto, Robson Rd./Belleville Rd.
1310 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1401 – liquor/all 4100 MICR codes, Belleville Rd.
1422 – juvenile complaint, Capitol Dr.
1422 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1454 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1705 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.
1932 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1949 – sexual assault, Parkwood Dr.
2057 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.
2104 – assist other dept., Michigan Ave.
2128 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

2243 – domestic, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2244 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2325 – motorist assist, WB I-94/Rawsonville Rd.

Thursday, Nov. 25:
0213 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
0613 – overdose, Quirk Rd.
1039 – suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Ct.
1051 – larceny from auto, Meadows Ct.
1122 – larceny from auto, Meadows Ct.
1205 – breaking & entering, Pond Bluff Dr.
1317 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1420 – assist citizen, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1811 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

1952 – animal complaint, Independence Ln.
2032 – property damage accident, Solitude Ln.
2135 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2146 – welfare check, Arlene Ln.

Friday, Nov. 26:
0101 – mental subject, S. Bellridge Dr.
0607 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0721 – larceny from auto, N. Woodbury Dr.
0759 – suicidal person, Sheldon Rd.
0805 – disorderly, W. Archwood Dr.
0811 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0949 – road hazard, Belleville/Yost
1033 – fraud, Lighthouse Dr.
1203 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Briarwood Dr.

1305 – animal complaint, Savage Rd.
1418 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1529 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Winchester St.
1702 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1823 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1827 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
2036 – animal complaint, Beck/Ecorse
2107 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Beck

Saturday, Nov. 27:
0034 – malicious destruction of property, Stonebridge Dr.
0041 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
0504 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
0757 – malicious destruction of property, Stonebridge Dr.
1140 – malicious destruction of property, Wildflower Ct.

1201 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
1339 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1417 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Jeannette Ave.

1515 – property damage accident, Hannan/Tyler
1610 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1743 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Ryznar Dr.
1746 – welfare check, W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1802 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
1813 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1811 – property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk
1830 – Menards property check, Belleville Rd.
1833 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.

1907 – property damage accident, Alva Dr.
1928 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1939 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
2000 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
2000 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

2052 – traffic offense, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2056 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
2201 – road hazard, Van Born/Morton Taylor
Also on this week's log are 31 traffic stops, with one of them at the I-94 rest stop.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 21:
0054 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0730 – property check, Denton Rd.
1202 – traffic stop, Brain St./High St.
1434 – assist other dept., Henry St.
1551 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
1814 – property check, Denton Rd.
2016 – harassment call, Astor
2302 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.

Monday, Nov. 22:
0058 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0553 – traffic stop, Main St.
0840 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.
1208 – overdose, Owen St.
1745 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
1945 – liquor/all 4100 MICR codes, S. Industrial Park Dr.

2031 – traffic stop, Charles St./Fourth St.
2255 – traffic stop, Denton Rd./Main St.

Tuesday, Nov. 23:
1121 – assist fire dept., N. Biggs Ave.
1225 – larceny, S. Liberty St.
1226 – parking complaint, Main St./Fifth St.
2117 – traffic stop, Savage/tracks
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2150 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2354 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Park

Wednesday, Nov. 24:
0038 – motorist assist, Main St./Denton Rd.
0524 – malicious destruction of property, Dos Rios
0906 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
0942 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
0955 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1043 – welfare check, Main St.
1044 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1102 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
1125 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
1144 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
1238 – civil matter, E. Waterbury Ct.
1303 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty
1403 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
1417 – motorist assist, Main St.
1505 – 911 welfare check, Light Tower Ct.
1508 – property damage accident, South St.
1702 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Main
1732 – traffic stop, Madelon St./Robbe St.
1739 – traffic stop, Angola St./Robbe St.
1808 – assist other dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1839 – property check, Denton Rd.
2254 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.

Thursday, Nov. 25:
0227 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St.
0752 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0800 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.
0808 – property check, Denton Rd.
0832 – suspicious person/vehicle, city municipal parking lot/Liberty
0857 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter/South
1054 – suspicious person/vehicle, Third St. / N. Liberty St.

1412 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1643 – family trouble, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2059 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./E. Huron River
2138 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.
2140 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River

Friday, Nov. 26:
0103 – intrusion alarm, Belle Villa Blvd.
0815 – assist other dept., E. Archwood
0959 – suspicious person/vehicle, San Carlos St.
2001 – property damage accident, South St.
2115 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
2225 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
2301 – traffic stop, Church St./W. Columbia Ave.

Saturday, Nov. 27:
0758 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
0802 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty
1249 – traffic stop, Church St./W. Columbia Ave.
1306 – traffic stop, Five Points
1318 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
1355 – assist other dept., N. Liberty St./Main St.
2246 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.

There were 31 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 21:
0023 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0153 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Bohn
0301 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
0652 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0951 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Dr.
1402 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1551 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Dr.
1815 – property damage accident, Willis Rd. / Elwell Rd.

2050 – assist other agency, Birch Dr.
Monday, Nov. 22:
0008 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West
0235 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter/Wear
0340 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
0611 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1529 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1619 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1705 – traffic complaint/hazard, 48000 bl. Willis
1805 – traffic complaint/hazard, 5600 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 23:
0606 – property damage accident, 7300 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

0656 – juvenile complaint, Timberlane Dr.
0944 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
1019 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Fenster
1121 – suspicious circumstance, 18000 bl. Savage
1153 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Weimer Dr.
1341 – welfare check, Redwood St.
1436 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1443 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
1542 – fire dept. assist, 8400 bl. Oakville Waltz
1605 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1701 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Bohn
1831 – recovered runaway, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2051 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Bohn
2346 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willis/Elwell

Wednesday, Nov. 24:
0930 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1015 – fire dept. assist, Stonecrest Dr.
1040 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1240 – suspicious person, Arkona Rd./Martinsville
1321 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.
1651 – civil matter, Nevada St.
1730 – harassment complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1734 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1812 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2156 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Bohn
2213 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Weimer Dr.
2225 – mental health call, Carriage Ln.

Thursday, Nov. 25:
0036 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Elwell
1210 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1431 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
1437 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1859 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Bohn
2024 – fire dept. assist, Knollwood Dr.

Friday, Nov. 26:
0621 – suspicious circumstance, Montana St.
1415 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1445 – shots fired, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1828 – suspicious vehicle, Harris Rd./Savage
1913 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
2304 – personal injury accident, Willis/Sumpter

Saturday, Nov. 27:
0346 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Dunn
0641 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1227 – suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1359 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz Rd./Clark Rd.

1728 – fire dept. assist, 9900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1738 – assist other agency, 9400 bl. Rawsonville
1949 – suspicious circumstance, Carriage Ln.
2010 – traffic complaint/hazard, California St. / Delaware St.
2022 – alarm, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2124 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Bemis

Also on this week's log are 140 patrol checks, 56 traffic stops, and six misc. details.

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